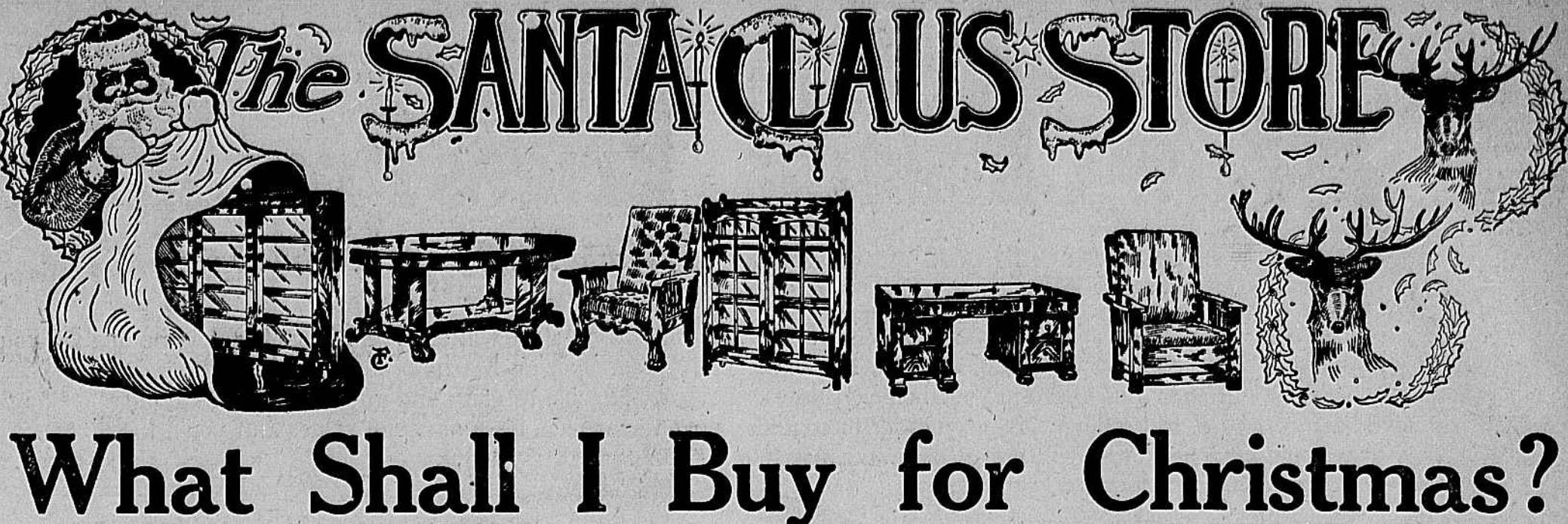


(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 14.—Christmas week in the local social whirl promises to be a most successful one for the season. The current fortnight already has been announced the Christmas meeting of the Afternoon Tea Club, to which the ladies are invited to be served; the Bachelor Club's fancy dress ball at the Selwyn Hotel; a German by the Young Married People's German Club at the same place, and a big reception in the parlors of the Southern Manufacturers' Club.
The event of the current week was the reception given by Mrs. P. C. Brunson Wednesday afternoon at her home on West Vance Street, complimentary to Mr. J. H. Anderson, of Charleston, S. C., who is her guest. Society was out in force, and a number of prominent matrons assisted the hostess in receiving the guests.
A number of the younger married people met at the home of Mrs. C. A. Bland Wednesday afternoon and organized a new club, the object of which will be to give at least three well-kept dinners during the season—one Christmas week, one after Easter and another at Thanksgiving. Much interest was manifested in the meeting and the organization marks an epoch in the city's social life.
Mrs. M. G. Hunter entertained delightfully Tuesday afternoon at her home on South Tryon Street in honor of Mrs. Sarah Schels, of Columbia, S. C. Bridge whist was played, the first prize falling to Mrs. D. H. McCollough and the guest-of-honor prize going to Mrs. Schels.
Mrs. E. W. Phifer entertained the members of the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club at her home on North Graham Street Tuesday afternoon.
Cards have been issued to the reception to be given Saturday afternoon, the 14th, to Miss Grace Francis, by Mrs. P. H. Hailey and Miss Laura Hailey, at their home on North College Street.
Mrs. J. L. Brevard has returned from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Drake, at Norfolk, Va.

Raleigh Social News.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., December 14.—One of the most pleasant events of the week was the Christmas party given when Mrs. Herbert W. Jackson and her daughter, Miss Evelyn, entertained quite a party of young ladies from the three schools for young ladies here—St. Mary's, Peace Institute and the Baptist University for Women. It was a Christmas party, the decorations, refreshments and the features of entertainment being suggestive of the approaching holidays. Santa Claus with his reindeer was a unique central feature for the dining table decorations. The guests were: Peace Institute—Misses Edith Pou, Sue Baker, Blanche Williams, Mary, Madeline and Ruth Sanders, Baptist University—Misses Annie Moring, Swannanoa Horne, St. Mary's—Misses Beale and Margaret Erwin, Annie Poirer, Katherine Fairley, Martha Byrd Spruill, Annie Wood, Rebecca Wood, Maud Bunn, Sallie Haywood Battle, Mildred Borden, Mary Parker, Elizabeth Battle, Helen Blair Daniel, Margaret Pennington, Helen Stone, Katherine Overman.
The Tuesday Afternoon Club was entertained this week by Mrs. J. S. Wynne, "Dickens and Christmas" was the subject of a charming paper by Mrs. Brewster. With Dickens at Christmas "Hearth" was the subject of a paper by Mrs. W. R. Crawford, and "The Christmas Christmas" by Miss Burt. "Christmas Stories" was discussed by Mrs. Burton, and Mrs. Ivey read a tribute to Dickens's "Christmas Carol."
Miss Susan McPheters entertained delightfully Tuesday afternoon at a luncheon in honor of Mrs. William Watkins Roberts, formerly Miss Root, of this city.
The ladies of St. Mary's Guild, Church of the Good Shepherd, held quite a successful Christmas bazaar the past week for the purpose of adding to the fund for the completion of the splendid new church building, the process of construction. More than \$300 was realized.
Invitations were issued the past week for the marriage of Mrs. L. C. Crawford Barber to Mr. Clement Byrd, December 17th, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Chas. E. Crawford, on Hillsboro Street. The bride is a daughter of the late W. R. Crawford, and has many friends here. The groom is a druggist of Littleton.
Wednesday evening there was a pretty home wedding, in which Miss Ruby Williams was the bride and Mr. Henry A. Bland the groom. The ceremony was by Rev. C. W. Blanchard, editor of the Biblical Recorder, and Rev. J. C. Masse, of Tabernacle Baptist Church. The home was decorated with palms and ferns. The bride wore a brown traveling suit and carried bride's roses. The bridesmaids entertained at a quiet Saturday afternoon delightfully, the affair being complimentary to Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mrs. William Howell and Mrs. W. W. Roberts.
Friends here received invitations from Captain and Mrs. Samuel E. Linton to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Rachel, to Mr. Arthur Glenn Copeland, Wednesday, January 1st, at 6 o'clock, Church of the Good Shepherd, this city. Miss Linton is one of Raleigh's brightest and most attractive young women. The groom is a successful hotel man of Greensboro, being one of the proprietors of the Benbow Hotel, Greensboro. He was for quite a while chief clerk in the Yarrowburgh, in this city.
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Smith Skinner have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Nannie, to Mr. Joseph Bryan Hill, Tuesday, January 2nd, at 2 o'clock, Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh. Miss Skinner is an accomplished and attractive young woman. Major Hill was for two terms United States marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina, being now a successful business man, member of the firm of J. R. Perrell & Co., one of the largest and best equipped grocery houses in Raleigh.
Mrs. Adkins entertained the John-Pettit Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, on Thursday, the monthly meeting of the chapter.

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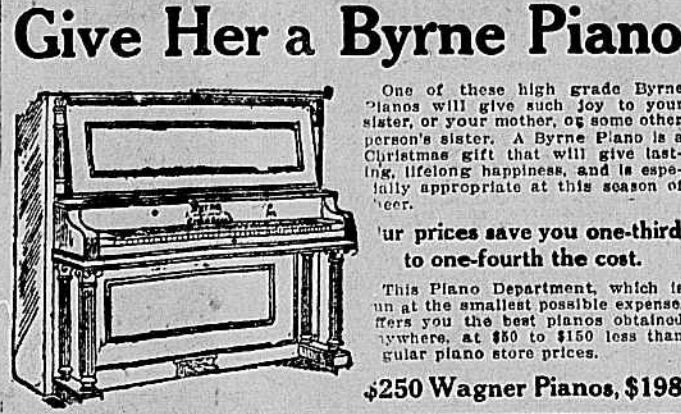
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This elegant Dining-Room Suit, consisting of side-board, extension table, six chairs, rug and a pair of lace curtains, \$42.50

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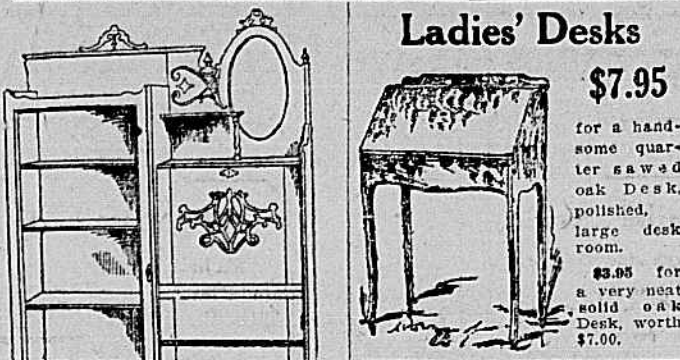
Morris Chairs for Christmas

\$10.50



This elegant, solid, quartered oak Morris Chair, like cut, and worth \$14.00, has reversible verona cushions.
Morris Chairs, \$4.95
A solid oak Morris Chair, strong and durable, nicely finished, reversible cushions, and worth \$7.00. Either one would make a desirable Xmas gift.

Ladies' Desks



for a handsome quarter sawed oak Desk, polished, large desk room. \$7.95
for a very neat solid oak Desk, worth \$7.00. \$9.95

Rockers



\$1.69
for this \$2.50 solid oak Rocker, exactly like cut; only one to a customer.

Brass Beds for Xmas




\$50 Brass Bed, exactly like illustration, for \$37.50, with best quality national spring. We will place on sale Monday 12 Brass Beds, ranging in price from \$60 down to \$18.75. You save a third

Parlor Rockers



\$6.75
for this handsome highly polished mahogany Rocker, worth \$10. We are showing 100 different styles of rocker and every one at a reduced price.

Combination Book Case and Desk



An Ideal Xmas Gift.
\$14.95 buys a very pretty solid oak Case, polished, with French plate mirror and large size desk and book space.
\$24.75 buys a full quarter-sawed oak or birch mahogany Case, handsome design, neatly carved and highly polished.
A 26-piece Silver Set, in satin-lined case. FREE with any purchase of \$50.00.
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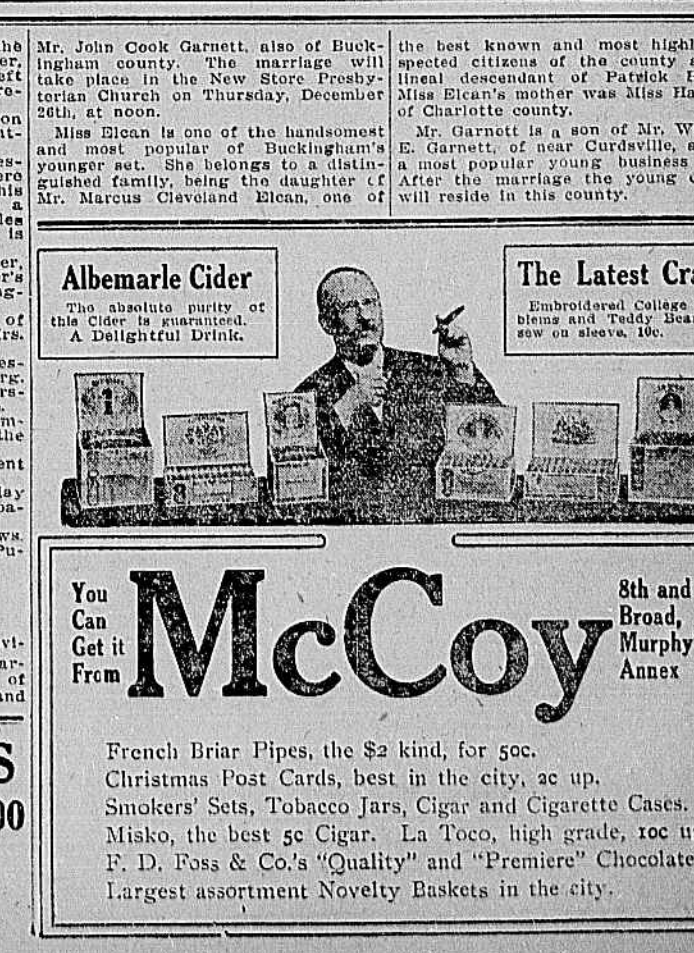
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Wilmington Social News.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILMINGTON, N. C., December 14.—The marriage of Miss Margaret Mordcau Ashe, daughter of Mr. Samuel Ashe, editor of the Wilmington Messenger, and Mr. S. Albert Stockard, a popular young Wilmingtonian and a son of Professor Henry Jerome Stockard, of the faculty of Peace Institute, Raleigh, N. C., was an interesting event of the week. It occurred Tuesday afternoon in St. James Episcopal Church, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. R. W. Hogie, rector of the church. The happy event was witnessed by a large and fashionably attired assemblage. The bride was attended to the altar by her father, and her other attendant was Miss Margaret Williams Nash, maid of honor. Miss Blaise Lanier Stockard, of Raleigh, and a sister of the groom, first bridesmaid; Miss Josephine Grande Ashe, also of Raleigh, and a cousin of the bride, second bridesmaid. The groom was escorted by his best man, Mr. William C. Briggs, of Raleigh, and the ushers were: Messrs. Louis M. Smith and Henry J. Harvey, of Raleigh; John S. C. Smith, John Sprunt, Murkley Crosswell and George Ashe, all of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Stockard left on a tour, returning from which they will be at home at Mrs. Dickinson's, corner Fourth and Ann Streets.
Wednesday night the ladies' hand-some and attractive dance, Harmony Circle gave a reception and dance in honor of several popular couples, recently married, these being Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dannebaum. The attendance of visitors was especially large, and the program included: Miss Whitlock and Mr. Lee Rittenheimer, of Richmond; Miss Eva Einstein and Mr. Adolph Einstein, of Winston; Miss Clara Solomon and Messrs. Lionel Wall and Julius Cohn, of Goldsboro; Mr. Joe Blumenthal, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Vaudou, of Atlanta, Ga.; and Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg, of Jacksonville, Fla.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, after spending several days as the guests of Mr. Flagler's mother, Mrs. William R. Kenan, corner of Third and Ann Streets, left for Florida Tuesday. The Christmas dance of the L.A.E. German Club will take place the evening of December 21st, and the Yuletide event of the Elks Club will be given the same week.
Mr. and Mrs. T. S. McManus left this week for an extended trip through Cuba and a stay of several weeks in Cuba.
The annual election of civic officers of the Wilmington Light Infantry took place Thursday evening, and was of interest on account of the social standing of the old organization. Those selected to office were: Mr. L. E. H. Hall, president; Mr. H. B. Beecham, vice-president; Mr. Paul L. Cantwell, secretary and treasurer; Armory Committee, Captain William P. Robertson and Messrs. R. E. Tapp and Nell Morse, and Historian, Mr. N. W. Lynch. A wedding of interest, Wednesday afternoon, was that of Mr. Harry F. Brandon, of Lynchburg, Va., and Miss Rita Purpus, of this city. Mr. Brandon is a trumpeter with the theatre orchestra in Lynchburg, and served in a similar capacity with the Academy of Music here for several seasons.

Radford Social News.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RADFORD, VA., December 14.—The Radford Military Band gave a concert at the Opera House Friday evening of last week, which drew a good house and netted the band a good sum. The following program was rendered:
Part I—March, "Star Queen"; character, patriotic melody, "Pinks Up Willow Creek"; medley waltzes, "Sweet Remembrance"; march (two steps), "Old Faithful"; piano solo, selected, Miss Cugin; Schottische, "Mandy Jane"; vocal chorus; two step, intermezzo, "Golden Rod"; vocal solo, selected, Dr. T. Johnson.
Part II—Two step, "In Nick of Time"; medley march, "My Maryland"; cornet solo, Johnson's Special; Dr. H. Johnson; grand selection from "The Trovatore"; serenade, "Cupid's Charming"; piano solo, "Poet and Peasant"; overture, Miss Alice Elle; intermezzo, "Northern Belles"; march, "Black and Tan"; the best tune ever written.
The Ladies' Aid Societies of the Radford Presbyterian Church and of Grace Episcopal Church held their Christmas sales Thursday and Friday. The marriage of Miss Alice Elle, of Radford, to Mr. David Greenup, of Lynchburg, was celebrated at the home of Dr. Preston, former president of Chittara College, from which Miss Elle was graduated in June. The marriage was a surprise to the friends of the young couple, although their engagement was well known. The bride is a very beautiful young girl and a social favorite, while the bridegroom is a prominent and popular business man of Greenville. Mr. T. W. Roberts has returned from Martinsburg, Va., where he attended the marriage of his son, Mr. Robert L. Roberts, and Miss Grace Stratier, which took place at the Methodist Church, Thursday evening, the 5th. After the marriage a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stratier, after which Mr. and Mrs. Stratier left for Washington, when they will reside.

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